

where to join in appropriate recognition of OLDER AMERICANS IN ACTION during this month and throughout the coming year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4204

## Cancer Control Month, 1973

*By the President of the United States of America*

March 28, 1973

### A Proclamation

The forces fighting cancer in America are being mobilized as never before in our history.

Under the National Cancer Program, authorized by the National Cancer Act of 1971, public and private resources are being marshaled in the most intensive campaign ever waged against malignant disease.

I have on numerous occasions expressed my strong, personal commitment to the attack on cancer. Cancer is now killing Americans at the rate of 350,000 a year and causing untold suffering for many others. Everything that can effectively be done to find better ways of detecting, treating, and ultimately preventing cancer must be done so that we can substantially reduce its impact.

As a means of giving continued emphasis to the cancer problem, the Congress, by a joint resolution of March 28, 1938 (52 Stat. 148), requested the President to issue annually a proclamation setting aside the month of April as Cancer Control Month.

36 USC 150.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 1973, as Cancer Control Month, and I invite the Governors of the States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the appropriate officials of all other areas under the United States flag to issue similar proclamations.

To give new emphasis to this serious problem, and to encourage the determination of the American people to meet it, I also ask the medical and health professions, the communications industries, and all other interested persons and groups to unite during this appointed time in

public reaffirmation of our Nation's strong commitment to control cancer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-seventh.



PROCLAMATION 4205

## Pan American Day and Pan American Week

April 7, 1973

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

Eighty-three years ago the International Union of American Republics was established, the forerunner of the Organization of American States. There have been differences among the member nations in those eighty-three years, and some of these differences continue today. But far more significant is the fact that, despite dramatic changes and our great cultural and political diversity, the members of the hemispheric community have maintained and strengthened our common forum in a general climate of friendship and understanding.

It is an intangible force which forms the basis of solidarity among the Americas—a combination of idealism and realism and a capacity to grow and adjust with the times. The Organization of American States is the focal point of this force, a place where cooperation rather than confrontation strengthens the common ties shared by the nations of the hemisphere.

This unity of the Americas is based on respect for the historic personality of each of the countries of the Americas and demands a mutual understanding and respect for each country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 14, 1973, as Pan American Day, and the week beginning April 8 and ending April 14 as Pan American Week, and I call upon the Governors of the fifty States, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and appropriate officials of all other areas under the flag of the United States to issue similar proclamations.